TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD

BENEFITS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS	ITEM NUMBER: <u>8</u>
	ATTACHMENT: <u>1</u>
ACTION:	DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2000
INFORMATION: X	PRESENTER(S): Michael Carter

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Level of Service report provides the Benefits and Services Committee with the necessary information to fulfill its oversight responsibility regarding the delivery of benefits and services to CalSTRS members. The following reports for the month of September 2000.

I. Overview

- A. Fiscal Year Allowance Roll: CalSTRS paid a total of 167,312 benefit recipients \$304,760,593 in September 2000. The average monthly allowance roll for FY 2000/01 is \$300,917,704. Total disbursements for FY 2000/01 are \$902,753,111.
- B. Service Levels: All programs are performing within acceptable variance levels.
- C. Application Volume: An overall decrease of nine percent in comparison to the same period last fiscal year.
- D. Interest Payments: The total interest payment volume for September 2000 increased 276 percent as compared to September 1999. The dollar amount of interest paid increased 457 percent as compared to September 1999.
- II. Individual Program Reports: Pages 1-7
- III. Miscellaneous Items: Pages 8 10

Service Retirements

Objective Process 100 percent of all service retirement

application payments within 30 days of the retirement effective date or receipt of completed application, whichever is later.

Application Volume Change

Minus 16 percent in comparison to same

period last fiscal year.

	IN	NITIAL PAYN	MENTS	
100% —	*	→	─	+
98% —				
96%				
94%				
92% —				
92% -	July	August	September	October
	July 99%	August	September	October

FY 1998/99 actual: 99 percent Baseline

Year to Date Average: 100%

Process 100 percent of all final service **Objective**

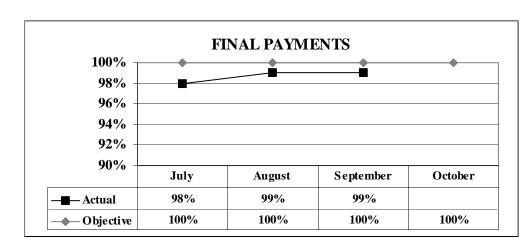
retirement payments within 45 days of receipt of all necessary information.

Interest Payments September 2000: 31 payments/\$384

Current Year Cumulative: 90 payments/\$876

Prior Year Monthly Average: 17 Payments/\$205

Baseline FY 1998/99 actual: 98 percent

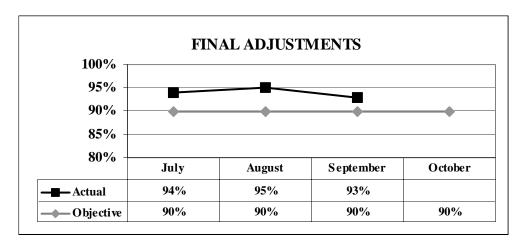


Year to Date Average 99%

Service Retirements

Objective

Finalize 90 percent of all payments within four months of the retirement effective date.



Baseline

FY 1998/99 actual: 91 percent

Year to Date Average: 94%

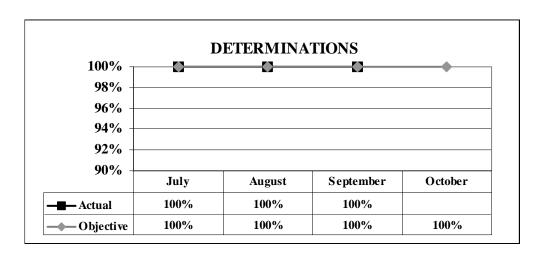
Disability

Objective

Process 100 percent of all eligible applications within 180 days of receipt.

Application Volume Change Minus 21 percent in comparison to same

period last fiscal year.



Baseline

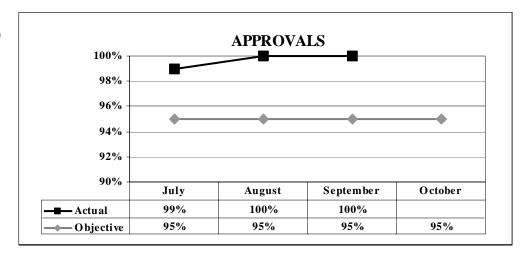
FY 1998/99 actual: 99 percent

Year to Date Average: 100%

Disability

Objective

Process 95 percent of all approvals within 30 days of receipt of all necessary information.



Baseline

FY 1998/99 actual: 100 percent

Year to Date Average: 100%

Objective

Process 100 percent of all initial payments within ten working days following the latter of the disability approval date, disability effective date or receipt of all necessary information.

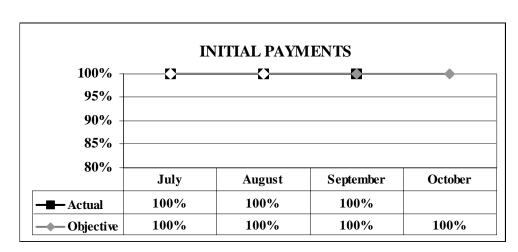
Interest **Payments** September 2000: 0 payments/\$0

Current Year Cumulative: 0 payments/\$0

Prior Year Monthly Average: O payments/\$0

Baseline

FY 1998/99 actual: 100 percent



Year to Date Average: 100%

Survivor Benefits

Objective Process 95 percent of all applications within

30 days of receipt of all necessary

information.

Application Volume

Change

One percent increase in comparison to same

period last fiscal year.

Interest **Payments** September 2000: 19 payments/\$855

Current Year Cumulative:

67 payments/\$3,705

Prior Year Monthly Average:

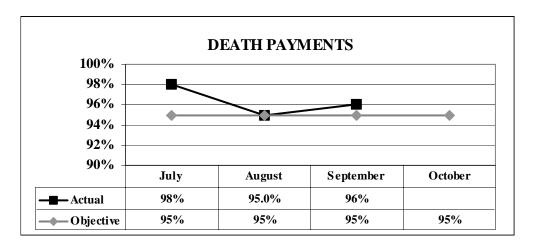
34 payments/\$1,039

FY 1998/99 actual: 97 percent **Baseline**

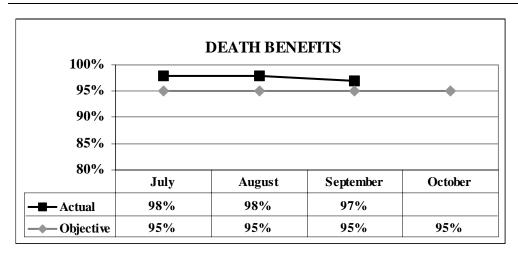
Objective

Complete 95 percent of all payments for retired members within 90 days of receipt of

notification of death.



Year to Date Average: 96%



Baseline FY 1998/99 actual: 93 percent Year to Date Average: 98%

Public Service

Objective Answer 95 percent of all calls in less than

three minutes.

Volume Change 5.69 percent increase.

Average queue time: 56 seconds **Notes**

Longest queue wait: thirteen minutes

		CALL RESPO	NSES	
100% —				
95%		*	*	
90%				
85%				
85%				
	July	August	September	October
85%	July 96%	August 92%	September 92%	October

Baseline FY 1998/99 actual: 94 percent

FY 1996/97 Objective:

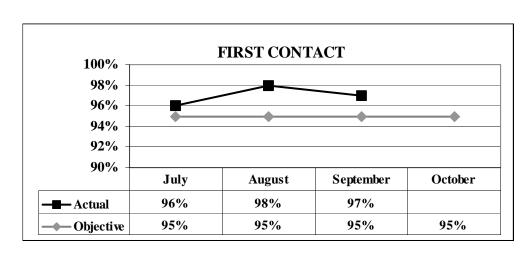
75 percent/less than three minutes.

Year to Date Average: 93%

Objective

Answer 95 percent of all calls on the first

contact.



Baseline

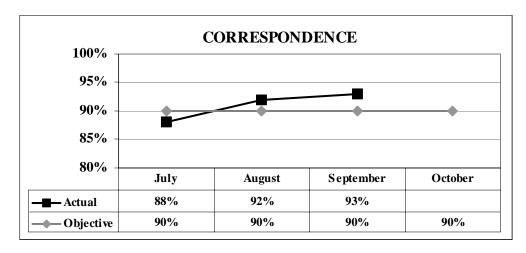
FY 1998/99 actual: 98 percent

Year to Date Average: 97%

Public Service

Objective Respond to 90 percent of all correspondence

in ten working days.

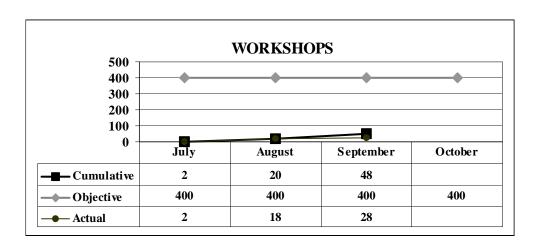


Baseline FY 1998/99 actual: 94 percent

Year to Date Average: 91%

Regional Counseling Services

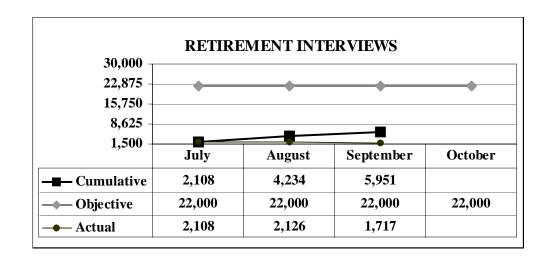
Objective Conduct 400 workshops



Baseline FY 1998/99 actual: 491

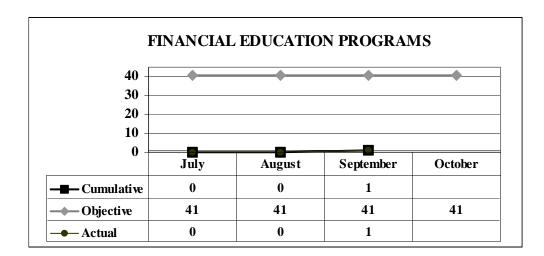
Regional Counseling Services

Objective Provide 22,000 retirement interviews.



Baseline FY 1998/99 actual: 24,657

Objective Deliver 41 Financial Education Program to CalSTRS members.



Baseline FY 1998/99 actual: 32

Attachment I Benefits & Services

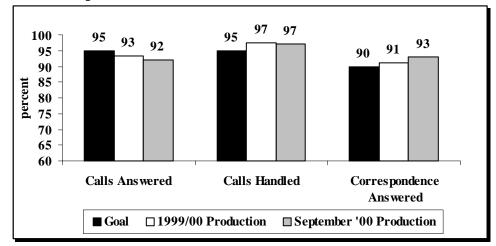
Miscellaneous III.

- **Outstanding Survivor Benefit Cases:** The Education Code requires a report to the Board on outstanding Survivor Benefit cases not Α. paid within six months of the notification of death. As of September 2000, there were 87 cases exceeding this threshold. In August 2000, there were 94 cases beyond the six-month processing period, while in July there were 138 cases exceeding the six-month threshold.
- В. **One-Year Final Compensation:** During the current fiscal year, two school districts have chosen to participate in this program.

C. **Golden Handshake:**

July – September 1999 43 districts / 30 participants July - September 2000 29 districts / 86 participants

Telephone Center: D.



D. **Telephone Center: (continued)**

